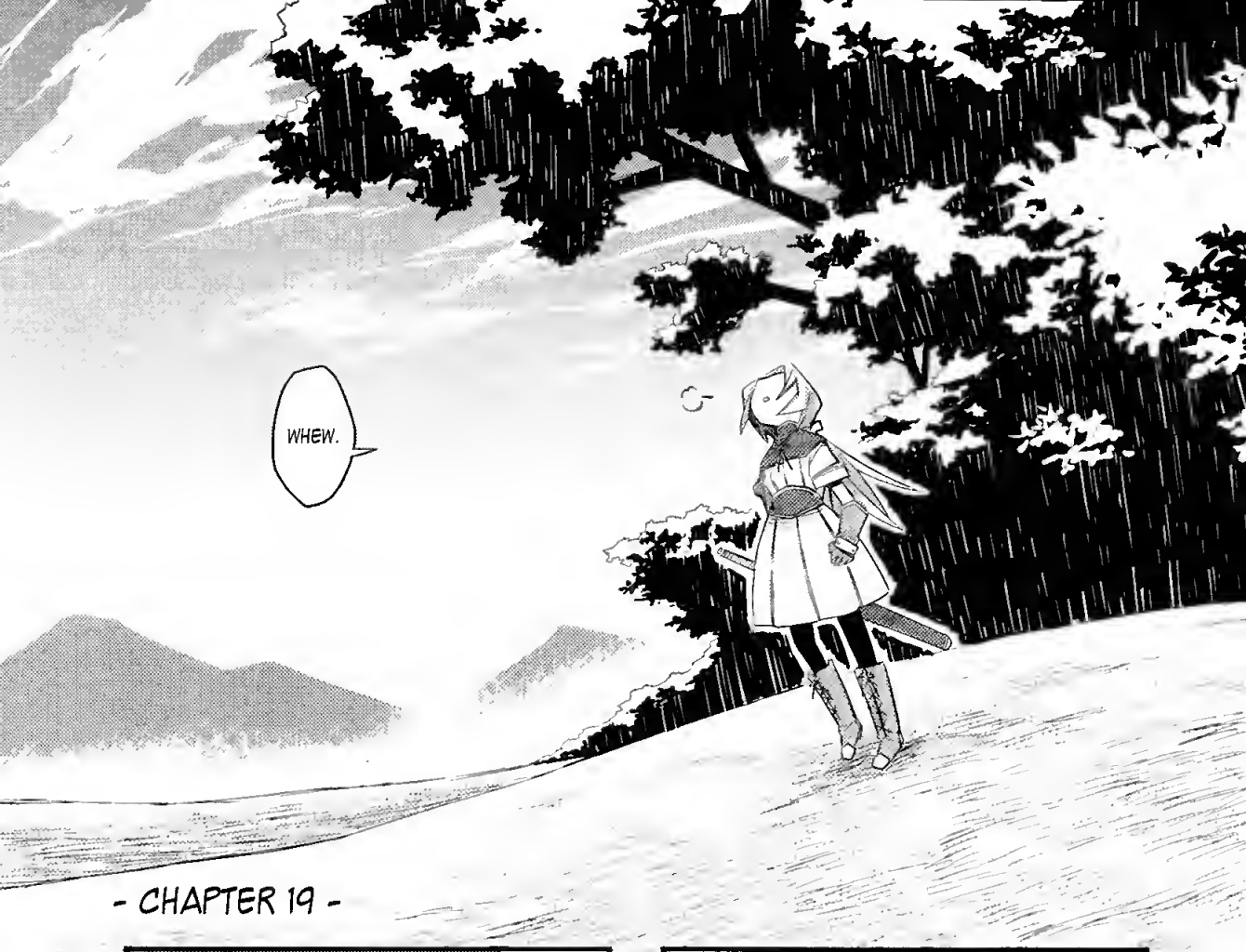
WHEW.

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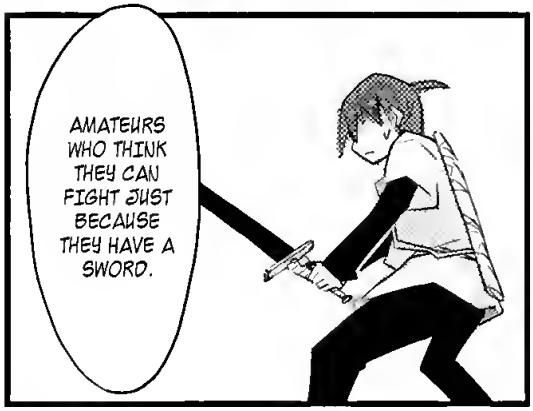
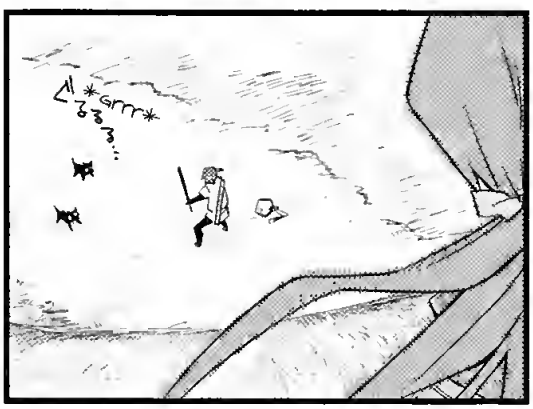
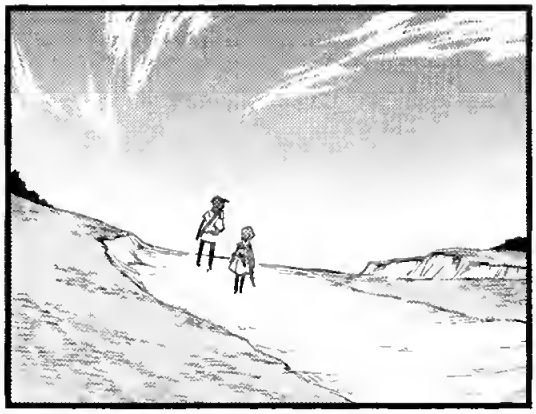
I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S STILL PEOPLE LIKE HIM OUTSIDE.
THE MONSTERS HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR SOME TIME NOW...

IT FEELS SO MUCH BETTER WHEN YOU CAN SEE THE SKY.
IT'S JUST NOT THE SAME INSIDE THE BARRIER.


AMATEURS WHO THINK THEY CAN FIGHT JUST BECAUSE THEY HAVE A SWORD.


grrr

!
HE'S FAST? IS THAT SWORD LIGHTER THAN IT SEEMS?
IT SEEMS REALLY SHARP, TOO.
WHAT AN AMAZING SWORD...
stare
I GUESS WITH A SWORD LIKE THAT, EVEN IF YOU'RE AN AMATEUR ...
!!?



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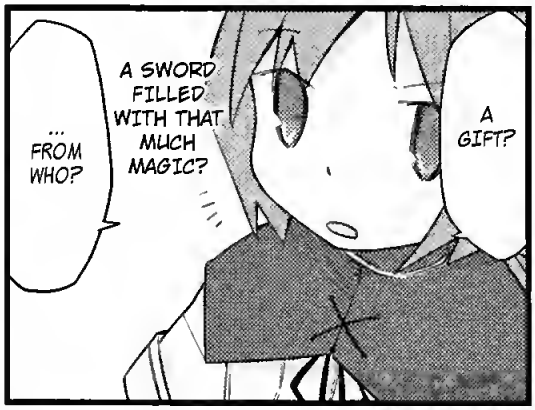
WHAT IS IT?
OH, SORRY.
WHERE'D YOU STEAL THAT SWORD FROM?
STEAL!?
IT WAS A GIFT!


A GIFT?
A SWORD FILLED WITH THAT MUCH MAGIC?
... FROM WHO?

WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?
OH, WELL ...

EXCUSE ME, BUT WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT THE HECK IS UP WITH HER? SHE'S SO RUDE...
OH.

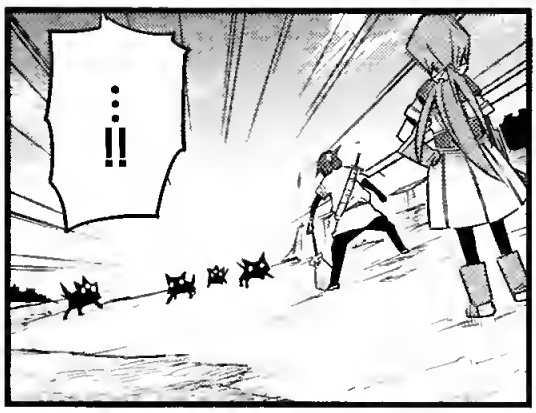
IT'S REALLY DANGEROUS FOR AN AMATEUR LIKE YOU TO WANDER AROUND OUT HERE WITHOUT A BODY-GUARD.

I'M NOT ANYONE SUSPICIOUS. I'M JUST A WANDERING SWORDSMAN.
YOU CAN CALL ME... SWORDSMAN #1.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR NAME !!?

!!?

MONSTERS.
BUT IS THIS LADY ALL THAT STRONG?
OK, MAY BE I AM AN AMATEUR. AND I'M PRETTY WEAK. THE SWORD MISS MAO GAVE ME IS WHAT'S POWERFUL..

I DIDN'T EVEN SEE HER SWING HER SWORD.
THAT LITTLE BIT OF CONFIDENCE HE'S BUILT UP TILL NOW
W- WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?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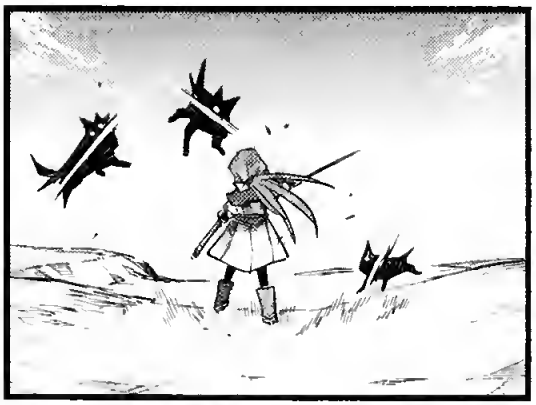
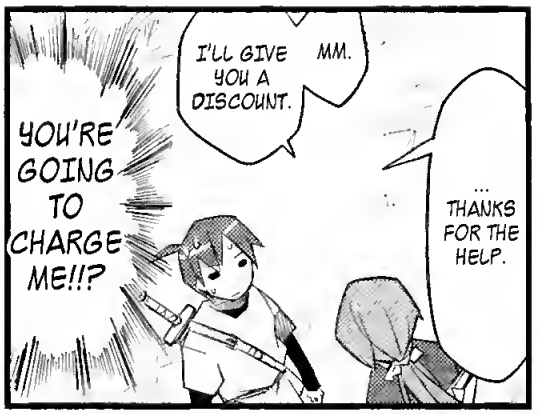


ALSHA.
OKAY THEN,
MY NAME IS ALSHA.
HEY YOU,
YOU BETTER STAND BACK.

AMATEURS WILL JUST GET IN MY WAY.


YOU'RE GOING TO CHARGE ME!!?
I'LL GIVE YOU A DISCOUNT.
MM.
... THANKS FOR THE HELP.

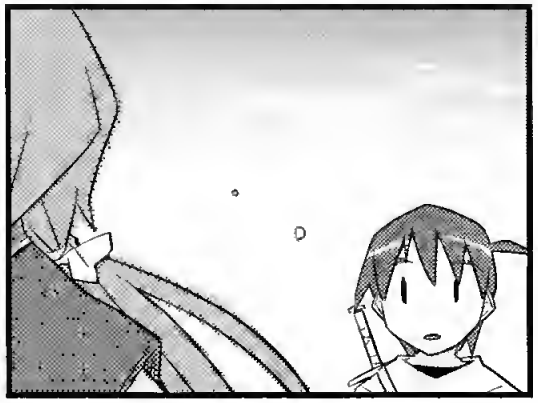
NOW WHICH ONE SHOULD I PICK...
YEAH YEAH, IT SHOULD.
WELL,
THANK YOU. IT SHOULD BE SAFE HERE.
WHICH ONE?

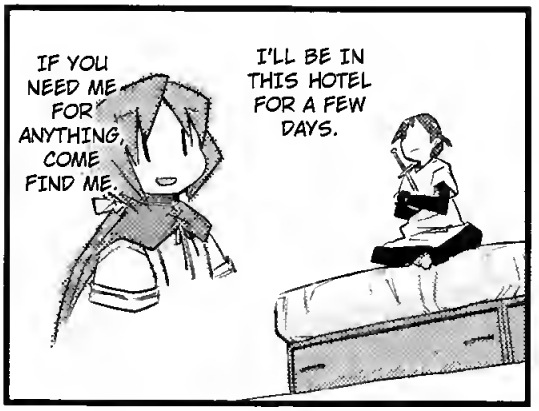
AH.
LET'S GO, ALSHA.
OKAY ...
THIS SEEMS...
IF WE HURRY WE CAN MAKE IT TO THE NEXT TOWN BEFORE SUNSET.

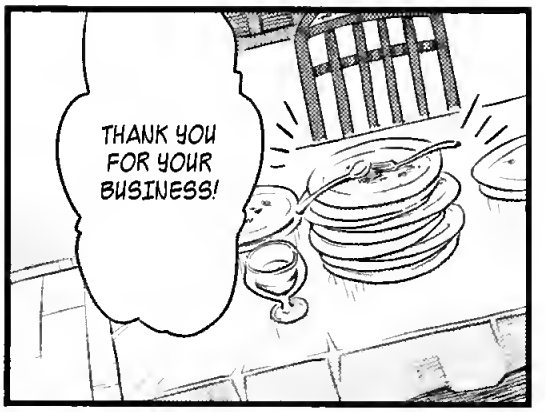
IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR YOU TO SAY THAT?
I'M A WOMAN WHO HELPED YOU OUT.
AS A MAN, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST TREAT ME TO DINNER AS THANKS.

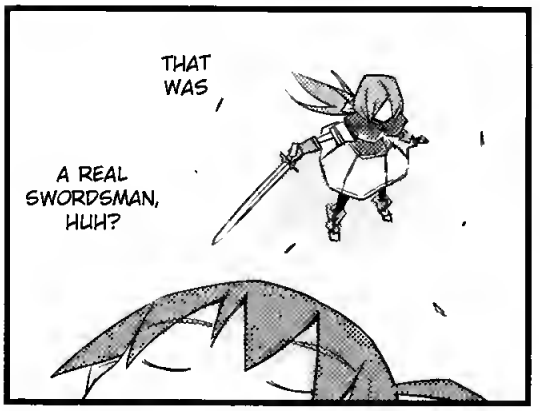
Let's get going, Mister Alsha.

SERIOUSLY,
I WISH YOU DIDN'T NEED ME TO HAVE TO SAY IT.

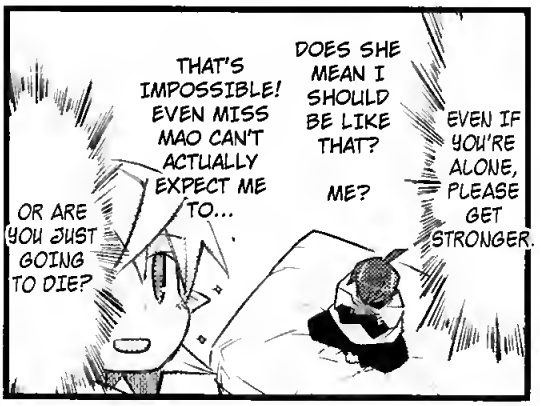



IF YOU NEED ME FOR ANYTHING, COME FIND ME.
I'LL BE IN THIS HOTEL FOR A FEW DAYS.


THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!


THAT WAS
A REAL SWORDSMAN, HUH?

AHH,
美味
THAT'S GOOD...
I'M FULL. THANKS!
YES, WHAT NOW?
ALSHA ?

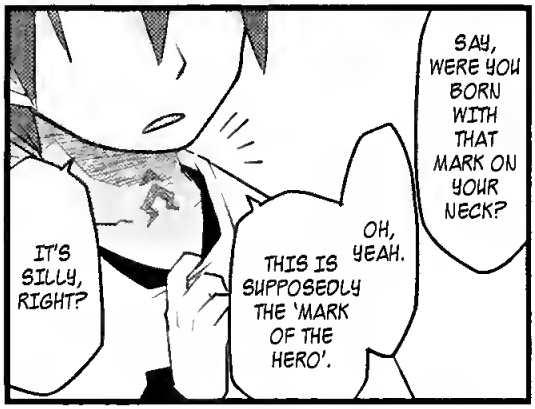

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! EVEN MISS MAO CAN'T ACTUALLY EXPECT ME TO...
DOES SHE MEAN I SHOULD BE LIKE THAT?
ME?
EVEN IF YOU'RE ALONE, PLEASE GET STRONGER.
OR ARE YOU JUST GOING TO DIE?

THAT SWORD OF YOURS ...
IT'LL BE BETTER IF YOU DON'T USE IT RIGHT NOW.
YOU'LL DROWN IN ITS POWER.

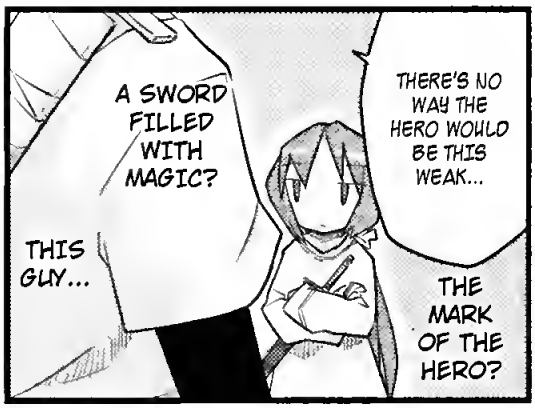
NO.
NO, THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING THAT SHE WOULD SAY...

I SEE.
OKAY?
I CAN SWIM EVEN WHILE HOLDING A SWORD.

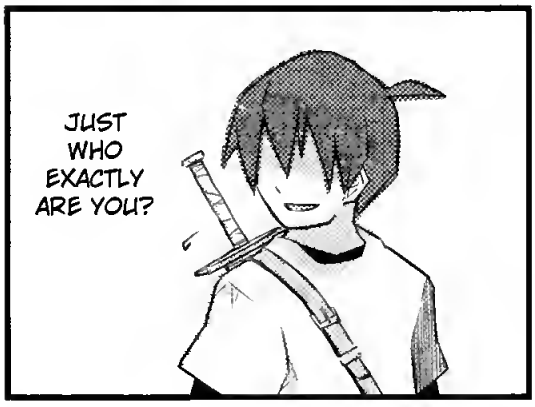
SO YOU WANT TO BE MY STUDENT?
I DON'T REALLY LIKE TO DO BOTHERSOME THINGS THOUGH...

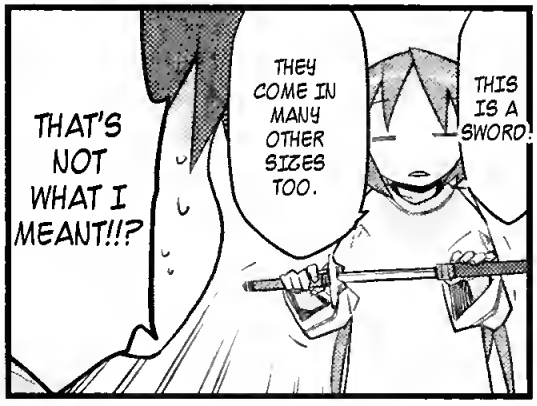

SAY, WERE YOU BORN WITH THAT MARK ON YOUR NECK?
OH, YEAH. THIS IS SUPPOSEDLY THE 'MARK OF THE HERO'.
IT'S SILLY, RIGHT?

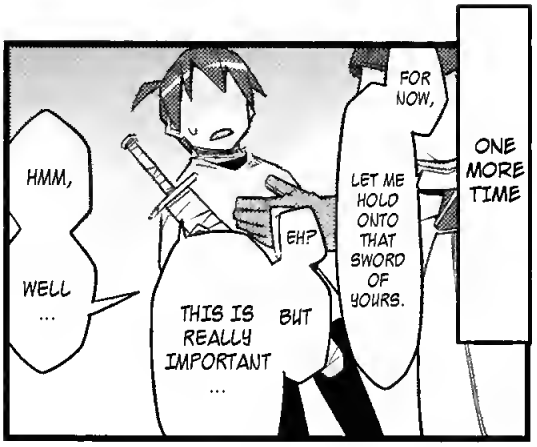
GOOD MORNING, ALSHA.
WELL, I...
WHAT'RE YOU HERE FOR?
GOOD MORNING TO YOU TOO.


THERE'S NO WAY THE HERO WOULD BE THIS WEAK...
A SWORD FILLED WITH MAGIC?
THIS GUY...
THE MARK OF THE HERO?

WANT YOU TO TEACH ME ABOUT SWORDS.


JUST WHO EXACTLY ARE YOU?


THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!!?
THEY COME IN MANY OTHER SIZES TOO.
THIS IS A SWORD.


ONE MORE TIME
FOR NOW,
LET ME HOLD ONTO THAT SWORD OF YOURS.
EH?
BUT
THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT ...
HMM,
WELL ...

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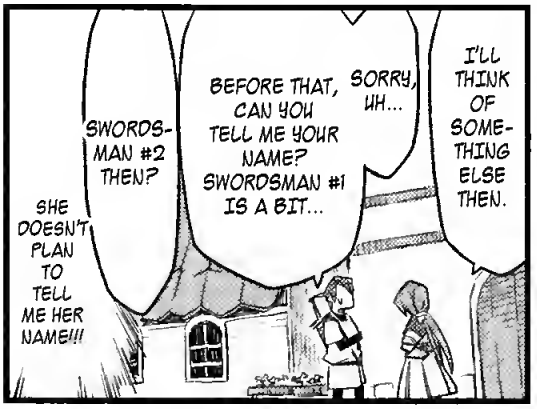
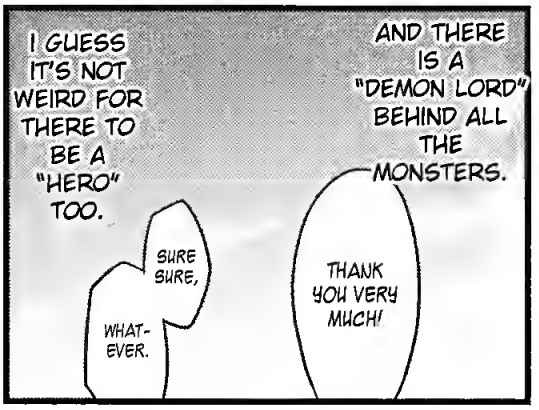
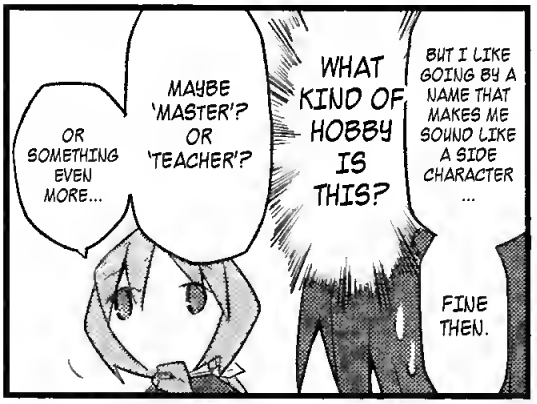
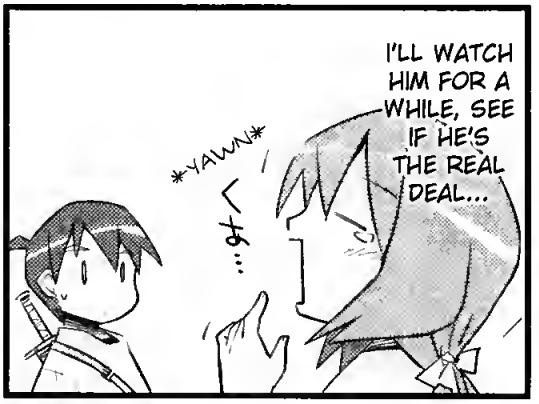
FINE.
I'LL TRAIN YOU.
IF WHAT THEY SAID IS TRUE...


I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE THEN.
SORRY, UH...
BEFORE THAT, CAN YOU TELL ME YOUR NAME? SWORDSMAN #1 IS A BIT...
SWORDSMAN #2 THEN?
SHE DOESN'T PLAN TO TELL ME HER NAME!!!


I GUESS IT'S NOT WEIRD FOR THERE TO BE A "HERO" TOO.
AND THERE IS A "DEMON LORD" BEHIND ALL THE MONSTERS.
SURE SURE, WHATEVER.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!


WHAT KIND OF HOBBY IS THIS?
BUT I LIKE GOING BY A NAME THAT MAKES ME SOUND LIKE A SIDE CHARACTER ...
FINE THEN.
MAYBE 'MASTER'? OR 'TEACHER'? OR SOMETHING EVEN MORE...


I'LL WATCH HIM FOR A WHILE, SEE IF HE'S THE REAL DEAL...
YAWN
...ふ

GOT IT!
YOU CAN CALL ME 'BIG SIS'.
FINE, WHATEVER YOU LIKE.

I'M STILL SLEEPY.
COME BACK IN THE AFTERNOON.

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AND THAT'S THE LAST OF ALSHA WE'LL SEE FOR A WHILE. THIS SERIES IS CALLED "SEKAI MAOU" NOT "SEKAI YUUSHA." NEXT CHAPTER, IT'S BACK TO THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF CUTE GIRLS DOING CUTE THINGS.

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